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U. S. TAKES OVER R. R. OPERATIONS

NEW SYSTEM TO BE EFFECTIVE
AT NOON ON THIS
DATE.

McADOO NAMED AS HEAD

President Outlines Plan to Fully
Shipping in Proclamation, Con-
gress to Act.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Government possession and operation of the nation's railroads for the year was proclaimed by President Wilson tonight, to become effective at noon next Friday, December 28. William G. McAdoo, retaining his place in the cabinet as Secretary of the Treasury, is placed in charge as director general of railroads.

Every railroad engaged in general transportation, with its appurtenances, including steamship lines, is taken over, and all systems will be operated as one under the director general.

In a statement accompanying his proclamation, the President announced that as soon as Congress reassembles he will recommend legislation guaranteeing pre-war earnings and maintenance of railroad properties in good repair.

Government backing will be given to new issues of railroad securities that a ready market may be found.

Action Is Great Surprise.

The President's move, although forecast for weeks, came at this time as a great surprise to nearly everybody in Washington, including railroad officials. It had been generally believed he would await the reassembling of Congress before taking any step. He acted through Secretary of War Baker under authority conferred in the army appropriation act.

Direct management of the roads will remain in the hands of railroad officials and the Railroad War Board, comprised of five railroad heads, will continue to direct actual operation under Secretary McAdoo's general supervision.

The chief practical effect of the Government operation will be to permit a complete unification of all rail systems, impossible under private operation by reason of statutes prohibiting pooling of rail traffic and earnings. The roads themselves had gone as far as they dared in this direction, and it became known only today that they had been warned by Attorney General Gregory that a violation of anti-pooling laws could not be permitted.

This situation was fully realized by President Wilson, who, in his statement, declared the roads had gone as far as they could and that already some systems were endangering their earnings in attempting unification.

Local Interurban Lines Exempted.

Although the proclamation applies to all electric lines engaged in general transportation, local interurban systems are specifically exempted.

Congress will be asked to guarantee earnings equivalent to the average net operating income of each railroad in the three-year period ending June 30, 1917. Railroad experts estimate that this will cost the Government next year in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000, which can be raised in large part by increased receipts if the Interstate Commerce Commission grants the roads' application for the 15 per cent rate increase now pending. Otherwise it will be paid largely out of the general Government funds.

The Interstate Commerce Commission and other Government agencies which have to do with the railroads will continue to perform their functions as heretofore, except that they will be subject to orders of the directors of railroads.

RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS.

The local chapter of the Red Cross has secured headquarters in the Glenn building, near the Bank of Hartford, and will be open every afternoon. The local chapter organized here last week has already a large membership, and many new names are being

dully added to the list. Judge W. H. Baugh is Chairman; Mrs. F. H. DeWitt, Vice-Chairman; Miss Maggie Moran, Secretary, and Miss Hetty Riley, Treasurer. Membership is one dollar, and the money will be expended for relief work for the soldiers. Every patriotic man and woman in the United States should enroll as a member.

OHIO COUNTY MAN HONORED.

Prof. R. W. Tinsley, who has been with the Mississippi State University, as instructor in modern languages for the past two years, has been tendered and accepted a position with the Federal Government, Department of Justice. Mr. Tinsley gave up his school work with the close of last week and reported to the Department for duty at San Antonio, Texas, on Sunday. His work will probably be in the Lone Star State.

Prof. Tinsley relinquished a position at the University, a great deal more desirable, perhaps, than the one accepted, but felt that in as much as his services were requested by the Government, it was his duty to accept.

The University authorities did not vacate the position held by Prof. Tinsley, but gave him leave of absence.

THROAT IS CUT

Kaiserites Murder U. S. Captured Soldier.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 25.—German atrocities against American soldiers are officially reported. An American sentry has been found with his throat cut, and must have been so killed after being captured.

Information concerning German savagery has reached the troops in one of a series of bulletins read to them by the unit commanders and posted on the bulletin boards. Here is what they heard:

"After a raid by the Germans on trenches held by American troops, a lone sentry of — Infantry was found with his throat cut from ear to ear. He had been surprised by an overwhelming force of Germans and must have been so killed after capture."

"Such brutality is familiar to old soldiers who served against savages in the Philippine campaign."

Another bulletin tells the men how the Germans, in occupied sections of France and Belgium, are turning women and children out of their homes into the snow, the buildings being then given over to soldiers, horses and material.

5,000 QUARTS CAMOUFLAGED BOOZE SEIZED BY SLEUTHS

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24.—Five thousand quarts of Kentucky whiskey, said to have been destined for Christmas consumption in "bone dry" territory, much of it in Alabama and Tennessee, is in the possession of Federal authorities in Louisville, according to announcement today. The seizures have resulted from examination within the last few days of suspicious packages carried by travelers and of parcels at freight depots in an effort to discover violations of the Reed law.

Three thousand quarts, some of it concealed in hard firkins and much of it hidden in barrels with top and bottom layers of fruit, is in the custody of United States Marshal James at the custom-house, while the remainder is in possession of District Internal Revenue Agent Chmndler.

CAPT. PERRY KEOWN WEDS NEW MEXICO GIRL.

Capt. Calvin Perry Keown and Miss Nora Winifred Eads were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. B. R. Klein, 1810 East Boulevard, by Rev. J. P. Williams, pastor First Baptist church, Tuesday evening.

Captain Keown is in command of the 144th machine gun company at Camp Kearney, San Diego, Cal., formerly the First New Mexico Infantry. He formerly was from Kentucky. Most of the members of the company are from Ohio. S. M. Mrs. Keown is a resident of Cloyvis.

Among those present at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Klein, Mrs. W. C. Eads, mother of the bride, Mrs. L. D. White, Dr. J. E. Harlan, Miss Sadie Scott, William Glaser and Mrs. B. E. Winters.

After a ten days' visit in El Paso Captain and Mrs. Keown will go to San Diego. El Paso Press.

NOT APPRECIATED



REVOLT PLANNED IN U. S. SUSPECTED

RUSS SHIP WITH MUNITIONS
ABOARD HELD UP BY UNCLE
SAM.

A Pacific Port, Dec. 24.—Federal officials to-day found packages of ammunition, several hundred rifles and a number of bags filled with revolvers holed under the cargo of hides in the Shilka, a Russian freighter which arrived here Friday night under control of its Bolshevik crew. Officials said the cartridges found in the ammunition packages contained slugs such as are used by the Germans on the Eastern front.

The consignment was probably intended, officials said they believed, for Industrial Workers of the World or for use of a raid in the Pacific.

Liquor and I. W. W. Papers.

"An investigation to determine the purpose of those in charge of the ship will be made immediately," the United States District Attorney here to-day said. "We know that the Shilka is manned by a Bolshevik crew and apparently is in charge of a committee of five that took the vessel over after the crew mutinied a few days out of the Russian port."

Officials, continuing their search to-day, discovered a large quantity of liquor and a number of I. W. W. newspapers aboard, they announced. If the mutinies were intended for the I. W. W., officials said, the Shilka probably intended to unload her cargo here and then proceed to some prearranged obscure spot on the coast and put the rifles, revolvers and ammunition ashore.

Crew May Be Interned.

Among the Federal agents working on the ship were some who said they believed the mutinies were sent by the Bolshevik to aid I. W. W. to foment revolutions in the United States to further Bolshevik principles.

Capt. Boris Dogal, master of the boat and members of the crew probably will be interned, officials asserted. Search will be continued until the entire vessel and cargo is gone over.

Saturday night unverified rumors were circulated that the vessel carried \$100,000 sent by Bolshevik to aid the defense of I. W. W., under trial in Chicago. Officials have found no trace of the money.

JAILER'S MOTHER DIES.

Mrs. Nancy T. Midkiff, wife of Geo. R. Midkiff, died at her home near Adaburg Tuesday of last week of tubercular trouble. Her remains were interred in the Magna burying ground Wednesday. Mrs. Midkiff was 75 years old, and had been for many years a consistent member of the Christian church. She leaves a husband and thirteen children to mourn her death. Mrs. Midkiff was the mother of Jailer W. P. Midkiff, of Hartford.

Dangerous Spy Held.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Federal officials announced tonight the arrest on a presidential warrant of Franz Schulenberg, alleged to be one of the cleverest and most dangerous German spies operating on the Pacific coast. According to army officers, he planned to destroy government docks and shipping in most of the big coast ports.

WILSON & McADOO CHAMPION BOSSES

NONE IN NATION'S HISTORY HAD
POWER EQUAL TO BIG
TWO.

By the President's proclamation, William Gibbs McAdoo becomes the biggest boss, bar none, in America's history. The only boss bigger than he is his father-in-law, Woodrow Wilson. In addition to being head of the Treasury Department, the third most important executive branch of the Government (for the War and Navy Department outrank it now, Mr. McAdoo will be supreme over the following vast agencies of commerce:

All American railroads.
The Interstate Commerce Commission.

All steamship lines, railroad-owned.

All railroad officials.

The Railroad War Board.

All electric lines engaged in general transportation.

All passenger associations.

All freight associations.

There have been bosses and dictators since the world began, and Cyrus, Caesar, Alexander, Charles V. and Napoleon were fairly widespread in their influence, but none of them ever had such vast financial dominion as Director-General-Secretary William Gibbs McAdoo. The President of the United States to-day has more powers than any ruler in the world's history, but for direct, detailed domination over great things his interesting son-in-law now runs him a close second.

MILLERS ARE WARNED TO SAFEGUARD PLANT

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 24.—Ten flour millers of "Evansville" flashed the warning to-day that their plants heavily, and in many cases Government possession of a nation that concerted efforts would be made in a few days to blow up every important flour mill in the country. The plot is said to have been hatched by German spies.

The warning came from the South-eastern Millers' Association, of Nashville, Tenn., the large mills in this city and vicinity being members of the association. At all the large mills here extra guards were placed on watch with rifles, and at some of the mills special officers appointed by Chief of Police Edgar Schmitt were placed on guard, and they are heavily armed.

FAREWELL DINNER.

Jailer W. P. Midkiff, who will retire from office the first Monday in January, gave a farewell dinner to the members of the Fiscal Court, to which a few friends were invited, last Friday. The menu consisted of roast turkey, cranberry sauce and the usual trimmings that go with a turkey dinner. The table was liberally supplied with meats, fruits and everything that goes to make up a tempting meal, and was eaten with grateful appreciation by the invited guests, who can scarcely express a regret that Jailer Midkiff and his estimable wife will not have another time as host and hostess at the county bastille. The Midkiffs have set the incoming Tichenors an example of entertaining that will not be easy to excel. Those present were: Esquires, E. Shown, Winsor Smith, W.

S. Dean, S. L. Fulkerson, R. C. Tichenor, R. F. Rice and Ben Taylor, and Messrs. Rowan Holbrook, Claude Blankenship, Arthur Kirk, Judge John B. Wilson, Superintendent Dana Shultz, Charlie Smith, Owen Hunter, Sheriff S. O. Keown, Editor W. H. Coombs and John Henry Thomas.

SQUIRE RICE TIES KNOT.

We were permitted to witness the ease and grace with which Squire Ben Rice can tie the nuptial, at a little ceremony in the county court clerk's office yesterday. The contracting parties were Mr. Ray Moxley and Miss Pearl Thurman, of Askins, in the northern part of the county. We were not advised whether the Squire was there by appointment or just happened to be on the spot when his services were needed, but he responded to the call with alacrity, and before the few onlookers knew what was going to happen the Squire was tying the knot. The brevity and beauty of the Squire's ceremony so appealed to those present that each of us promised to give him any work in that line as often as we were in need of it, and the Squire smiled complacently.

THE TOBACCO MARKET.

Perhaps due in some measure to the absence of buyers who were away for the holidays tobacco went off about a dollar a hundred on the loose leaf floors in Owensboro last week. Small deliveries have been made of the pooled tobacco in Ohio county, and the limited information we have been able to get in regard to the matter indicates the deliveries so made have averaged somewhere between sixteen and seventeen dollars a hundred. The Hartford and Narrows houses report the grading moving smoothly, but we understand there has been friction between the grader and company's manager at Fordsville.

PLOT SUSPECTED.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Extra watchmen and special policemen are on guard here tonight at every plant and factory where war munitions or government supplies are being manufactured, following an announcement of the receipt of a warning from the secret service at Washington to the effect that German agents were believed to have selected Christmas eve as the time to begin a campaign of ruin and destruction. Manufacturers received the warning this afternoon and extra precautions were promptly taken.

JAMES RENFROW DEAD.

Mr. James C. Renfrow died at his home in Springfield Sunday morning and was buried at San Francisco Tuesday morning. He was held by Rev. J. P. Williams, pastor First Baptist church, of this city. Mr. Renfrow was 46 years old and married. He died of pneumonia (fever) and was sick only a few days before his death. He leaves two brothers and two sisters, William Renfrow, with whom he lived, and J. B. Renfrow, of Narrows, and Miss Bettie Renfrow, and Mrs. Wayne Stevens, of near Hartford.

MAGISTRATES LAST MEETING.

The Fiscal Court as at present organized, held its final meeting here Friday. The only business of importance besides allowing routine claims was the extension of the term of the County Farm Agent to December 31, 1918. Heretofore the term of the Farm Agent expired in May, and it was thought desirable to have it expire with the end of the year. The final hour of the court was devoted to speeches by the members, most of whom will not be members of the new court. Esquires, Ben Taylor, S. L. Fulkerson, R. C. Tichenor, S. W. Leach, and Winsor Smith will not be members of the Fiscal Court that convenes in January. W. S. Dean, B. F. Rice and Ed Shown will hold over. The new members of the court will be: Sam Stevens, George Rowe, Quint Brown, W. C. Daugherty and R. C. Rhoads. The retiring Judge, John B. Wilson made a very sensible talk to the retiring court. Judge Wilson admonished those present that it was the duty of every one to push and not to knock, and insisted that the man who did not try to help to make the incoming county administration a success was not a good citizen.

WOMAN DIRECTED CHIEF SPY

WAS MASTER MIND OF PLOTS IN
CANADA AND ON PACIFIC
COAST.

STOOD HIGH IN BERLIN

And Was At One Time An Agent of
Wolf Von Igel, Former Secretary
To Franz Von Papen.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—A woman, designated only as "H" and said to be prominent in the German secret service, directed the activities of Franz Schulenberg, alleged master spy held here on a Presidential warrant, according to information divulged today by Federal officials.

Schulenberg is said to have been active in plans to destroy bridges and public buildings in Canada and shipping and warehouses in Pacific ports.

Officials said the woman barely escaped arrest here four weeks ago, the day before Schulenberg was captured. The clew to her part in Schulenberg's operations was revealed in a letter found among his effects. It instructed Schulenberg to meet her in Los Angeles. The letter was postmarked Cleveland, O. Investigation showed, officials said, that the woman had been an agent of Wolf von Igel, former secretary to Franz von Papen, military attaché of the German Embassy at Washington, and alleged head of the German espionage system in this country. She was described as a person of birth and education, a brunette, thirty-five years old.

Sent Schulenberg to America.

According to Federal officials, the woman sent Schulenberg to the United States in 1914 for the alleged purpose of assisting in the maintenance of contraband wireless stations supported by the German government for the purpose of gaining military information and transmitting it to Berlin.

Further revelations concerning Schulenberg's activities disclosed today showed that in February, 1915, he inserted an advertisement in Spokane, Wash., newspapers, looking to the purchase of a tract of land on which to colonize several hundred Spanish families. These families, Federal officials said, were Hindus, and the purpose of their colonization was to permit their easy entrance into Canada, where they were to obtain military information and facts concerning the movements of Canadian vessels, to assist in raider warfare conducted in the Pacific ocean by the Germans. The colonization plan did not materialize.

Schulenberg's Activities.

Some of Schulenberg's activities, according to the authorities, have been traced to Ram Chandra, a Hindu on trial here, with thirty other persons, charged with attempting to foment a revolt against British rule in India. Ram Chandra made several payments of money to Schulenberg, officials said.

Schulenberg, according to Federal officials, was a deserter from the German army and was actuated only by the hope of financial gain. They said he would not admit his connection with the woman agent.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

J. C. Matthews, 19, Hartford, to Bertha May Smith, 20, Centertown. Noble Thomasson, 23, Heflin, to Pearl King, 20, Equality. Monroe Cook, 20, White Run, to Stella Albin 17, Hazelton. Ray W. Cummings, 21, Clinton, to Gabe Felix, 16, Clinton. Thomas Coffman, 20, Centertown, to Eva Keith Brown, 19, Centertown. W. C. Douglas, 30, Cronwell, to Gertrude Darrin, 24, Wysox. Harlan Harris, 25, Hartford, R. 3, to Iley Green Parks, 23, Hartford, R. 3. Garland Royal, 39, Horse Branch, to Jessie M. Bailey, 26, Horse Branch. Claude Arnold, 26, Horse Branch, to Cordie Ford, 22, Heflin. Ernest Ford, 20, Horse Branch, to Nola Calloway, 17, Horse Branch. Frank Petty, 25, Hartford, to Elizabeth Peters, 30, Hartford. Ray Moxley, 19, Askins, to Thurman, 17, Askins.

Good Resolutions

By Mary Graham Bonner

"The Animals were talking," commenced Puddy. "They were getting quite excited when along came Puddy Pig, who asked what the trouble was all about."

"The Pigeon family," said Mr. and Mrs. Peacock together, "say that as it is around the New Year they should make resolutions—good resolutions."

"Well," grunted Puddy. "If you'd talk like a sensible animal and not like one of the silly Grown-Ups, perhaps I could get some sort of an idea what you mean. As it is, I don't know at all. What's a resolution, anyway? And are there bad ones and good ones? That's a silly word. Now good means good, and bad means bad and what right has that word resolution to be both good and bad?"

"Dear me," chuckled Mrs. Hen, "how irritable you are today Puddy. You should be pleasant and try to make good resolutions, too."

"But how can I make something I don't understand?" squealed Puddy.

"Resolutions," crowed Mr. Rooster, "are resolves! There! That's something for you!" And Mr. Rooster strutted about proudly.

"You see," he continued, "we can resolve to be good or we can resolve to be bad. And when a New Year is beginning it is well to resolve to be good."

"That's non-sense," grunted Puddy. "I don't care to resolve to be good. Nor do I care to resolve to be bad. I'll just be natural and a regular pig."

"We think it's silly for us," said the Peacocks, "as we're about as perfect as can be."

"You're conceited," said the Pigeons. "You should resolve not to think so well of yourselves."

"But how can we help it?" answered the Peacocks. "We have something to be vain about."

"You're hopeless," said the Pigeons. "What is every other animal resolving?" asked Puddy.

"I am going to be up bright and early every morning," said Mr. Rooster. "You do that anyway," said Puddy. "I might as well resolve to wake in every bit of mind I see. Of course, in the winter that's hard, but then I can do my best."

"And I am going to lay lots of eggs," said Mrs. Hen.

"I am going to give good milk," said Mrs. Cow.

"I shall protect the sheep," said the Sheep Hog.

"And I shall look after the farmer's house," barked the Watch Dog.

"I have decided to let the children drive me," brayed the Donkey.

"We shall pick up as many bread-

crumbs as we can find," chirped some Sparrows who had been listening.

"And I shall give some very fine goat's milk," said the Goat.

"Well, God I over!" exclaimed Puddy.

"What do you mean?" asked Mr. Rooster. "There are all you animals bragging about what you will do. You have all said you would do the things that you always do—you have not made any good resolutions, as you call them. You simply will do the things that it is natural for you to do. The Peacocks are honest, because they know they won't change. But the rest of you—Bah!" And Puddy squealed in disgust.

"You're wrong," said Mr. Rooster. "I don't know about that," said Mrs. Cow. "I would give milk no matter what time of the year it might be, and it's certainly not a good resolution for me."

"And I'd lay eggs," agreed Mrs. Hen.

"I'd have to take the children for rides," said the Donkey, "as they fasten me to a cart."

"Didn't I say I was right?" said Puddy.

"I hate to admit it, though," said Mr. Rooster, putting his head on one side and looking very mournful.

"You might just as well," said Puddy.

"Besides," said Mr. Rooster, "we'll have to think up entirely new resolutions. Things that will be hard for us to do. It's a great nuisance."

"That's true," said Puddy, with a wicked grin. "It is always easiest to do what comes natural to us and to say we're so good doing it. But we pigs are natural and we don't put on any airs about resolutions. Such nonsense!"

"We'll have to think all over again," crowed Mr. Rooster, slowly and sadly.

How to Be Happy.
The happiest New Year is for those who seek the happiness of others.

New Year, Good Morning
New Year, good morning! Come and bring
Us days that smile and days that sing
Out from the drifts of swirling snow
That through the murky mid-
night blow
And clutch with frosty hands
And cling
Hark! How the joy bells chime
And ring
Thy birth and new hope set
a-ving.
With hands outstretched you
come; and so
New Year, good morning!
New courage greets their clam-
oring—
The thought of friends, the
thought of spring,
Of kindly solace for our woe,
Of happiness we're still to
know;
We wait your accolade, O King!
New Year, good morning!
—Alexander Maclean.

Peace and Good Will, Good Will
Across the far Judean hills
To listening shepherds echoing rang,
At midnight, faintly, songs of praise,
Dim, distant songs, in wordless lays,
When all the stars together sang.

And they, the shepherds, listening long,
With beating hearts, in awe-filled mood—
Was this the song Orion sung,
The mystic, golden aisles among,
In space-gemmed solitude?

Or were these Asaph's anthems grand,
Some dusky temple aisles between,
When heavy censurs slowly swung,
Where sanctified maidens, bending,
Sung
Out all their souls, unloved, unseen?

Swart forms stood forth, their girdles loosed,
With faces toward the midnight sky;
And, trembling, waited, lips apart,
Lungs tense, where fullest muscles stave,
And quivering arms upraised high.

Clearer the sound waves swept the plain,
As all the wide world's pulse stood still,
Till softly worded fell the strain,
From Zion's hills plunged back again,
"Peace and good will, good will."

Down went the staidest shepherds there,
In humble pose, with hearts agape,
To all the earth from Bethlehem's height,
In solemn watches on that night,
The dear God's new Evangel came.

All voices joined the solemn chant,
From David's city to the sea;
From deep Emphates' silent tides,
To Jericho's palm-shaded sides;
From Galilee to Galilee.

In widening circles, sweet and clear,
From olive grove or palm-crowned hill,
Swooped back that onthem, Heaven-born,
On harps of gold, by angels borne,
"Peace and good will, good will."

A thousand years on Time's strong tide
Have washed the shores of Change;
Unnumbered men have loved, have died,
And Life and Death, all undefiled,
Have swept earth's widest range.

But still the harpers touch the strings,
In chorus grander still,
And ocean's mighty voices sing,
While all the earth her chorals bring,
"Peace and good will, good will."

In humble cot on Scotia's braes,
Or Egypt's dumbfrows vale,
O'er sand-swept deserts, camel trail,
On snow-crowned Alps upreared to God,
The mighty chorals prevail.

In vales of musk; o'er hills of burze;
Spice-scented valleys blest;
When odoriferous vines swing their bells
And sensual, dew-drunk asphodels
Their honied lips have prest;

O'er somber pines that sing of death,
Or sun-kissed meadows still;
O'er land of leaf, o'er land of woe,
The word-encircling chorals go,
"Peace and good will, good will."

When changing numbers scintillating swift
The Christ-tide seasons bring—
To lands where tropic dews grow,
To rolling prairies white with snow,
The bells of gladness ring,
And children's faces beam with mirth,
And children's glad hearts thrill;
For them the angel harpers sing,
For them joy-bells of Heaven ring,
"Peace and good will, good will."
—Moule Meredith.

Words of Comfort For the New Year
By Samuel Gardiner Ayres.

The hourglass has turned; the
last few sands
That marked the Old Year now
have slipped away,
And in his outstretched hand the
New Year holds
The future of a twelve-month's span.

Then hail New Year! We bid
thee welcome. Thy gifts are many,
but not yet disclosed. With thee
may come joy or sorrow, pain or
loss, failure or success, hope deferred
or dreams realized. We bid thee wel-
come and will try to cherish and im-
prove thy gift of time. We greet
thee with a cheer as we undertake
our journey in thy care. "Life must
march forward in a column of days."

To be weak is miserable,
Doing, or suffering,
—Milton, "Paradise Lost."

Blessed is he who has found
his work; let him ask no other
blessedness.—Carlyle, "Past and
Present."

Honest toil is holy service;
faithful work is praise and
prayer.—Henry Van Dyke, "Tol-
ling of Bells."

Hapless woman ne'er can say,
"My work is done" till judg-
ment day.
—St. John Honeywood.

Love prays devoutly when it
pays for love.—Hood, "Hero
and Leander."

Just to live is the most impor-
tant thing in life.
To appreciate, to admire, to
enjoy, is to possess.
The law of life is love. Love
is the one essential thing with-
out which we can only exist.—
Benjamin Woodcock.

Smile, smile, smile.
Keep that New Year smile on all
the year.

Do Not Soil the Leaf.
Keep clean that new leaf you will
turn over.

What Shall He Write on Your Page?



When the New Year Came

By May C. Ringwalt

I had been the most romanti-
c of love matches—and in all
the land that last day of
the old year, there was no
more unhappy little woman
than Maggie MacKenzie, the bride of
six weeks.

And the gates of escape from the
heart-break of it all were tight shut,
for as liberal as Mrs. MacKenzie's
court in such matters, the causes of
her subject misery could hardly be pre-
sented in divorce proceedings—a
Christmas plum-pudding, a cold in the
head, and a small sheet of paper cov-
ered with a perfectly illegible, snarly
scrawl.

The plum-pudding—arrived a week
late on account of bad roads and a
holiday congestion of parcel post mat-
ter—stood on the living-room table
just as she had taken it out of its box.
A beautifully molded plum-pudding of
a city confectioner's consummate art,
with an adorable, spiky sprig of real
holly stuck in the top. A most Chris-
tmasy honey-plum pudding that set
off all sorts of Christmas home-
memories and brought such an aching
thump to the little bride's throat that
she almost cried out in pain.

Yet Christmas itself had not been a
bit of a blue day. It was their first
Christmas together to begin with, and
the joy, the wonder, the triumph of
Maggie actually filled her entire
thoughts. Right after breakfast they

had gone on a jolly tramp. Then there
had been dinner to get, the fun of
cooking the turkey and the laughter of
bumping heads as they both flew to
the oven door to "baste the fowl."

And after they had eaten, and done up
the dishes, they sat before the cheer-
ful blaze of the living-room's big open
fire talking in low, intimate voices far
into the night.

But now she was cooped up all day
long in the house with this wretched
cold in the head, the new terror and
loneliness of being, with Jamie away
for hours at a time, working on the
couch or, when it rained or snowed,
too heavily to be outside, tinkering
everlastingly in the barn.

And as the proverbial last straw in
today's mind had come the little sheet
of paper with the illegible snarly
scrawl—had come all the way from
Scotland.

For that was what had made the
love match so romantic. Jamie Mac-
Kenzie, whom Maggie had not seen
since she was a girl of 14, had come
back from the States on a three-
months' visit to his mother, found the
child he had played with dowered into
a woman, promptly fallen in love and
married her the day before his return
to Uncle Sam's land.

And she had gone willingly with
him, had willingly left them all behind,
Dad and mother; Dave and Wallace
and Jean, and—yes, even Bobbie,
Bobbie, her own lair, the bonnie 4-
year-old little brother whom she al-
ways buttoned up in the morning and
unbuttoned at night—and counted off
"this little pig went to market and
this little pig stayed at home" on ten
wee upturned toes.

To have given up Bobbie for a mere
husband! A husband who no longer
loved her, who was so heartless he
could stay out there in the barn mend-
ing an old plow when his wife needed
him so desperately!

The cheery sound of a whistle ap-
proached—a man's brisk steps on the
porch.

It was Jamie. He was coming into
the house. Why couldn't he let her
alone, to cry in peace?

"Well, little girl," said a pleasant
voice behind her, as she stealthily
dashed away her tears, "any special
news from the land of heather?"

"It wasn't a regular letter," she re-
plied readily. "Just one of Bobbie's
love scrawls—had had only addressed
the envelope."

"Say, I call that a mean trick," said
Jamie, "to get up your expectations
for nothing."

A little red spot flared on each of

Maggie's cheeks and her eyes blazed.
How dared he insinuate that one of
Bobbie's precious letters was nothing?
But the anger her eyes shot for
short of their mark—Jamie had spoiled
the plum-pudding.

"Hello," he laughed, "so that is what
was in the box. I'd just about given
it up. It's some pudding, all right,
isn't it?" he went on admiringly.

"Since we couldn't have it Christmas,
let's celebrate tonight—speed the part-
ing guest of the old year and welcome
the new, you know. But I came in to
tell you I'm going over to Bly's to
take a look at the brooder he wants
to sell. So if you'll give me that pic-
ture book of Bobbie's, I'll stop at the
poor farm as I pass and leave it for
the little chap who got there too late
for Santa Claus. They say he's ter-
ribly handsome and homesick, poor lit-
tle kid, and maybe it will cheer him
up."

"The set line of Maggie's lips
twisted.

At the time it had seemed such a
simple thing to propose, to give Bob-
bie's picture book, tucked with her
own books by mistake, to the new or-
phan arrived at the farm the begin-
ning of the week; the poor 4-year-old
child whose mother had died on Christ-
mas day in a lonely shack up in the
mountains.

"You can take the book another
time," she evaded, picking up her shawl
and taiting like mad. "I can't
bother about it today."

Jamie looked at her, surprised, per-
plexed.

"Why, I can get it as well as you,
dear," he said gently. "It's on the
table in our room, isn't it?"

She threw down the rattling and
sprang up.

"I'll get it myself," she said fiercely,
and shot into the adjoining room.

When she brought him the book,
her eyes were rimmed in great red
circles, but Jamie, impatient to be off,
did not notice, or thought the redness
came from her cold.

As the front door banged after him,
candlelight in hand, Maggie sank
back in the nearest armchair and gave
herself up to being miserable.

But Jamie was gone over an hour-
time for conscience and comfort to
work, not thoroughly ashamed of her-
self, her head much clearer, she greet-
ed his return with rising spirits, which
fell, precipitously when he nonchalantly
informed her he had invited over the
Bly's and Jean Thornton and his wife
and the Hopkins girl to spend the
evening and eat plum-pudding with
them.

"Oh, Jamie, why did you?" she said
desperately. "I feel like anything but
company tonight."

But the guests had been invited and
there was nothing to do but make the
best of it.

Yet, as gallantly as she tried, the
poor, little bride could not shake off
her loneliness forlornness.

It was five minutes of 12 by the
living-room clock when the hot choco-
late and the plum-pudding in its blaze
of glory were brought in, and as the
first stroke of midnight fell upon their
talk and laughter, with lifted cups, all
sprang to their feet and drank to the
new year, deep and long.

All that is, except Maggie Mac-
Kenzie.

She took only a hurried sip at her
chocolate, then put down her cup and
ran and opened the front door.

"Maggie!" cried Jamie. "What are
you opening the door for?"

"To let in the New Year, dear," she
explained with a forced gaiety. "Don't

you remember we always did it at
home?" she added triumphantly.

"For the land's sake!"
"The love of Mike!"

Excited exclamations went around,
shrieks of half-unbelievable, half real
terror, while the little bride stood
staring, white-faced, into the night as
though she had seen a ghost, a ghost
of Bobbie, her own dear hair for
whom her heart had been crying out
all day long.

Then out of the darkness into the
bright living-room's light stepped a
very flesh-and-blood little boy with
tousled, just-out-of-bed hair and small
garments put on awry that badly need-
ed buttoning up.

"Why, it's the poor farm's new little
orphan!" somebody cried in relief.
"What in the world are you doing
here, son?"

Ignoring the others, the child walked
straight up to Maggie MacKenzie.

"I'm looking for my mother," he
said, a catch in his breath.

And with her sad face now radiant,
a shining light in her eyes, the home-
sick little bride gathered him up in her
arms and hugged him close.

"If you can't find her, won't I do
instead, darling?" she whispered be-
tween kisses.

Signs of a New Year



PHONE FINALLY CONQUERS PASS

AFTER HALF CENTURY OF HIGH EXPERIMENT WINGS CROSS GREAT DIVIDE.

Denver, Dec. 22.—Following experiments that have covered a period of a quarter of a century, engineers of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, a Bell subsidiary, have installed what they believe to be the highest telephone service line in the world.

On the Denver-Leadville toll route the company has constructed the section of the line that crosses Argentine Pass, at an altitude of 13,200 feet. The pass is near the famous Georgetown Loop, one of the beauty spots of the eastern slope of the Continental Divide, about forty miles from Denver.

The newly built section is only one and three-tenths miles in length, and it is estimated the cost of construction was eight times the expenditure involved in laying an ordinary stretch of wire.

Many Attempts Fail.

When the route was first established, in 1893, connection across the pass was made by laying twisted wires along the ground. Later a submarine cable was laid. Transporting material for this cable from Georgetown to the top of the pass entailed great difficulties, it requiring twelve and fourteen horses to haul a wagon with supplies to the crest of the mountain. The animals suffered hemorrhages from the cold and throat similar to humans who become distressed at high altitudes.

Shortly after the cable had been completed "trouble" was of frequent occurrence, and investigation disclosed that "Coonies," a species of mountain rat, were enjoying daily feasts on cable insulation. Sliding rock and the alternate rusting and drying out of the cable also resulted in much damage.

Cable Is Abandoned.

The cable was finally abandoned and the twisted wire system had been in use until recently, when an aerial wire "lead," designed to withstand all climatic conditions, was installed at a cost of \$12,000 for the distance of less than a mile and a half. The line consists of twenty-four poles and seventy-five special "H" fixtures, spaced sixty-five feet apart and supported to heavy anchors. Those to 100,000 pounds of wire is carried on these poles. All material for construction of the line has been chosen after an exhaustive investigation of wind velocities, temperatures and moisture encountered in the pass, and it is believed that the new line will give excellent service for many years without repairs being made.

Sloan's Liniment For Rheumatism.

The torture of rheumatism, the pains and aches that make life unbearable are relieved by Sloan's Liniment, a clean clear liquid that is easy to apply and more effective than sticky plasters or ointments because it penetrates quickly without rubbing. For the many pains and aches following exposure, strains, sprains and muscle soreness, Sloan's Liniment is promptly effective. Always have a bottle handy for gout, lumbago, toothache, backache, stiff neck and all external pains. At druggists, 25c.

RETURN OF TROOPS

To Get U. S. Soldiers Home After War Some Job.

Washington, Dec. 22.—How are we going to get our troops back home when the war is over in Europe?

That is a question that is already beginning to cause some people concern. While it may be premature to discuss such an event as the means of getting our troops back to this country when hostilities cease in Europe, some people in authority believe that is a consideration that makes nearly as imperative that we have plenty of vessels for the movement as for the outward transfer of personnel and material.

It is pointed out that when that time comes there will be great anxiety at home for the return of the soldiers and an equal amount of impatience on the part of the men themselves.

It will take a great deal of shipping to accomplish this, without delays that are protracted, tedious and vexatious. The requirements are six tons of shipping per man, and, therefore, it will require a 6,000-ton ship to get 1,000 men across the water.

If we have as many as 100 ships of that displacement and a force of 1,000,000 men to bring back, which would be a conservative estimate if the war lasts another year, it would require months to complete the delivery on the coast of our country. It is estimated that the war has left 1,000,000 men in Europe awaiting return, the time necessary with these 100 ships available would be fifty months, or more than four years.

It may be assumed that we shall have to depend entirely upon our own shipping for this movement, since the vessels of the Allies will be fully occupied with their own affairs.

As one official points out, calculations of this sort may be fanciful, as well as having a remote bearing, but the supposed condition furnishes an illustration of the need of ships, aside from the demands for transportation facilities while the war is in progress.

Spring brings all kinds of wretched and with it comes colds and the revival of winter coughs and hoarseness. Dr. Bell's Blue-Tar-Honey will head off a new cold or stop the old one, the soothing balsams relieve the sore throat and heal the irritated tissues. Get a bottle to-day and start treatment at once. At your druggist, 25c. Formula on the bottle.

ILL-EATED COCK'S NAME CHANGED WHOLE SITUATION

Washington, Dec. 22.—A Durham (N. C.) enthusiast today telegraphed to United States Marine Corps headquarters:

"Terrier belonging to United States Marine Corps killed rooster after battle royal in main thoroughfare. Indignant chicken slaughterer witness affair and demand dog pay death penalty. Then they learn ill-eated rooster's name was Kelsor. Result: Dog is now pride of Durham."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

MAY USE CONVICTS TO MAKE WAR SUPPLIES

Washington, Dec. 22.—Great Britain and Canada have already employed convict labor to manufacture war supplies. And now Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, proposes that the same thing be done in this country.

His idea is to equip federal prisons with necessary manufacturing machinery and utilize the prisoners to turn out the finished product. Other noncontract prisoners may participate.

The introduction of the prison labor bill is the result of co-operation of the American Federation of Labor, the Department of Labor, the Department of War and the National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor. "It," as a statement says, "marks the taking of a new trench in the fight against the exploitation of the prisoner and free labor, in addition to freeing his labor for war work."

At its last session Congress appropriated money for shops at Atlanta, Fort Leavenworth and McNeil Island penitentiaries. This development was approved by the officers of the American Federation of Labor, which is now pressing the nationwide extension of the state-use system. If this is done the federal government can increase the nation's productivity, economize for insufficient labor power and benefit the prisoner and the free workman.

The bill authorizes the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy to employ military prisoners and in the construction of military roads. Army prisoners are already used on road work within national army cantonments. The bill would make possible their use on roads leading to the cantonments.

In many instances the lack of good road connections with the railroads and main highways makes transportation of food and supplies a matter of considerable difficulty in bad weather.

True patriotism carries with it not hostility to other nations, but a quickened sense of responsibility good-will to acts and not merely of words. I stand for a nationalism of duty, to oneself and to others; and, therefore, for a nationalism which is a means to inter-nationalism.—Theodore Roosevelt.

A nation is not worthy to be saved if, in the hour of its fate, it will not gather up all its jewels of manhood and life, and go down into the conflict, however bloody and doubtful, resolved on measureless ruin or complete success.—James A. Garfield.

Financiers.

Two negroes, not inclined to overwork, were sitting on a fence and discussing the advantages of bigamy.

"It must show be a heaven of bliss!" said one. "Just think, two sources of revenue!"

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SPIES IN TOUCH WITH GERMANY

MESSAGHS IN INVISIBLE INK AND CODE BEING SENT IN CLOTHES.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Operation of a system of regular communication between the United States and Germany, Austria and European neutrals, was disclosed today by the announcement of customs officials that within the last two weeks they have found scores of letters containing inscriptions in invisible ink or code phrases in the clothing or personal effects of ships' crews bound to or from Scandinavian ports. Swedes and Norwegians were most prominent in the traffic and about one-fifth of the letters were of suspicious character.

Scores of the letters now are under scrutiny, and investigations being made probably will result in arrests of a number of persons on charges of violating provisions of the trading with the enemy act forbidding transmission of communication to or from the enemy except to the regular course of the mail or under license by customs authorities or the war trade board.

Officials suspect that crews of vessels sailing between the United States and northern European neutral ports have carried many letters from German spies in this country, the documents being sent to Germany from the neutral port to Germany from the neutral port at which they are landed.

Until regulations were promulgated several weeks ago the prohibition against such communication had not been enforced strictly, although customs inspectors and secret service agents had seized many communications of dangerous nature on ships leaving or arriving at American ports. Extra precautions under the new rules, however, resulted in the roundup of many more letters than it had previously been thought were carried by messengers.

Evidence gathered thus far leads officials to believe some neutral subjects, aided by Americans, have made considerable money by promoting the clandestine traffic in communications to evade the British censorship of mail, before and after the United States entered the war. These are now subject to criminal prosecution, with penalty of \$10,000 fine and ten years' imprisonment.

Great quantities of commercial communications, called slips and consignees, mail, are carried by vessels not in regular mail channels, and most of this has been licensed freely by customs officers.

Bad Colds From Sudden Changes.

Sudden changes of temperature and underwear bring spring colds with stuffed up head, sore throat and general symptoms. A dose of Dr. King's New Discovery is sure relief, this happy combination of antiseptic balsams clears the head, soothes the irritated membranes and what might have been a lingering cold is broken up. Don't stop treatment when relief is first felt as a half cured cold is dangerous. Take Dr. King's New Discovery till your cold is gone.

EFFORT A CUT FINGER NOW HAD ON THE WAR

The great war might be traced back to Nobel's cut finger. Alfred Nobel was a Swedish chemist—and a pacifist. One day while working in the laboratory he cut his finger, and chemists are apt to do, he dissolved some gun cotton in ether alcohol and swabbed it on the wound. At

this point, however, his conduct diverges from the ordinary, for instead of standing idle, impatiently waving his hand in the air to dry the film as most people, including chemists, are apt to do, he put his mind on it and it occurred to him that this sticky stuff, slowly hardening to an elastic mass, might be just the thing he was hunting for as an absorbent and solidifier of nitro-glycerin. So instead of throwing away the extra cotton that he had made he mixed it with nitro-glycerin and found that it set to a jelly.

The "blasting gelatin" thus discovered proved to be so insensitive to shock that it could be safely transported or fired from a cannon. This was the first of the high explosives that have been the chief factor in the great war.—New York Independent.

You Need a Spring Laxative.

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So It Seems.

"I say, Pacifist, you are loyal, aren't you?"

"Indeed, I am."

"Loyal to what?"

"Loyal to my faith—loyal to peace."

"But how about your country?"

"Oh, to hell with the country!"

I have never had a feeling politically that did not spring from sentiments embodied in the Declaration of Independence, which gave liberty, not alone to the people of this country, but to the world in all future time.—Lincoln.

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MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Ohio Circuit Court. Lena M. Westerfield, Guardian, &c., Plaintiff.

VS.—Notice of sale. Oma Lee Westerfield, et al., Defendants.

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Ohio Circuit Court rendered at its May term, 1917, for the purpose of executing and maintaining the infant defendants and to pay all costs of this action, and the cost of this sale, I will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest and best bidder at the court house door in Hartford, Kentucky, on Monday, January 7, 1918, it being regular county court day, at about the hour of one o'clock p. m., upon a credit of six months, the following described property, to-wit:

A tract of land in Ohio county, Kentucky, described as follows: Bounded on the North by the lands of Jonathan Puckett; on the East by the lands of Mr. James Gill; on the South by the lands of Abb Clark, and on the West by the lands of F. D. Westerfield.

Being off of the East side of the U. J. Westerfield farm, containing 25 acres, more or less, and being a part of the same land conveyed to M. T. Westerfield by James Casey, on the 22nd day of October, 1909, which deed is of record in deed book 37, page 441, Ohio County Clerk's office, and same land inherited by Oma Lee Westerfield from their father, M. T. Westerfield.

The purchaser will be required to execute bond immediately after sale with approved security and a lien will be retained on said land as additional security.

Given under my hand this December 18, 1917.

OTTO C. MARTIN, Master Commissioner. M. L. Beavrin, Attorney.

LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadersville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak."

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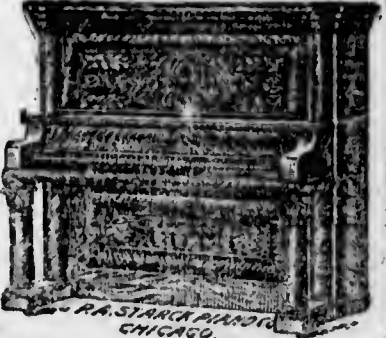
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Farm Department

Producers Urged to Increase Pork Production.

We, who live inland, have been extremely slow to get a full understanding of the gravity of the situation which this dreadful war has placed us in. To many of us the war has thus far amounted to little more than newspaper stories of battles in foreign countries, but to put it mildly, the situation is grave and it behooves us to aid our armies in every possible way to end the war as quickly as possible. Our armies are now threatened with a shortage of pork which would seriously handicap their effectiveness.

It is imperative that we do to the limit of our ability, everything that our country asks of us. If we are called to fight, we will be patriots and will respond; if we are called to feed our soldiers and our allies, we will be equally patriotic.

Just now our country is asking farmers to increase the supply of pork as that is one of the main necessities of our armies and those of our allies. We face an alarming shortage of pork and fat. Last year our exports of pork were three times as great as normal. While large export was made without being based upon any great increase in production, hence our supply is very low.

The gist of the whole matter is this: Every American farmer is urged to raise more pigs next spring. To do this he must breed every sow and gilt that is by any means fit. Considering the grave situation it is almost treacherous to fatten and sell sows and gilts that might raise litters of pigs. We are asked to save all such and to breed them as quickly as possible. If they cannot be bred to farrow in March or April, they should still be bred any time in January as that will insure pigs before June first, which is fairly good.

This is not an unreasonable request as good prices have been assured by the Government.

If we will all do our best, we can bring the war to an end in Europe.

Let us all do our patriotic duty.

Kentucky To Be Called Upon For Seed Corn.

The seed corn situation in many parts of the U. S. is very serious this year. In the northwest frost came before scarcely a field of corn had matured. This section is thus without new corn suitable for seed, and the supply of old corn has been pretty thoroughly cleaned up. Even in some of the best corn growing states, such as northern Illinois, northern Indiana, and northern Ohio, corn matured very imperfectly due to the cold, cloudy summer, and in many cases frost came before it was perfectly matured. As a matter of fact, the farmers in these sections say that there is very little corn suitable for seed, and the same thing is true here as in the northwest in regard to the exhaustibility of old stocks of corn. In Texas and Kansas and other parts of the southwest, very severe drought left the crop extremely short, and very little of it is suitable for seed.

It is very necessary that those parts of the U. S. where there is plenty of seed corn, as in Kentucky, should make strenuous efforts to save plenty of their best corn for supplying those parts of the country where there is a distinct scarcity of corn suitable for seed. The varieties of corn raised in Kentucky are suitable for Kansas and other western states where the drought cut the crop so short, and the earlier varieties of corn grown in northern Kentucky can be used almost any place in the corn belt.

It is a patriotic duty for every farmer who has corn suitable for seed to save a generous supply of this, not only for his own use, but for his fellow farmer in other states. Handle this corn in the best possible manner; dry it out thoroughly, and protect it from the attacks of mice and rats. It has been said time and again that the United States will win this war because of its great supply of food. Last year the farmers responded nobly to the government's request for large crops, and produced the largest corn crop in the history of the country, although handicapped very severely by climatic conditions and the scarcity of labor. This next year we ought to raise even a larger crop of corn—and can, provided seed can be supplied to farmers in the districts where no seed is available this fall. Unless the farmers who have seed make up their minds to furnish seed to those who have not, it will be almost impossible to produce the maximum seed corn crop in the country next year.

Some hints for corn growers. The seed corn should be selected from the best of the crop. It should be selected from the best of the crop. It should be selected from the best of the crop.

Maturity and seed condition come in for most consideration. The corn should have a bright healthy color, low percentage of moisture and well filled grains.

There should be no mouldy ears, no dark discolored germs, no blisters, no cob rot or disease of any sort.

Very small, undersized ears are discounted, but on the other hand it is not the biggest ears that win the prizes.

Size alone is not worth very much unless along with size there go other desirable qualities. Usually, preference is given to cylindrical ears in a corn show, and there should be a nice proportion existing between the length and circumference of the ear. In other words, ears should be well proportioned. Other things being equal, ears that are well filled over the tips are preferred to those that are bare tipped. The shanks of ears should not be too large or too small, but medium sized.

A great deal of emphasis is laid on the uniformity of the samples of corn in a corn show.

In selecting test ears of corn for an entry, all should be chosen of one type. They should be of the same length and circumference, of the same shade of color and they should not be mixed. That is, white ears should have no yellow grains and yellow ears no white grains.

Another indication of mixed breeding is in the color of the cobs. White corn should have white cobs, and yellow corn red cobs.

The ears of corn in an exhibit should look as nearly alike as tea eggs, if it is possible to have them that way.

459 Cow-Testing Associations.

That cooperative cow-testing associations are successful in this country is shown by the fact that since 1906, when the first association was organized in Michigan, the number has increased steadily to 459 associations in 46 States. On July 1, 1917, there were 11,720 herds, with a total of 211,868 cows being tested regularly in these associations. The total number of milk cows in the United States at that time was 23,372,220, of which 0.91 per cent were members in these organizations.

The first cow-testing association was organized in Newsgrove county, Michigan, January, 1906, is still in existence, and now has 39 herds with a total of 384 cows. The following are some of the new associations were organized in that State. In 1908 three were organized in Maine and one in New York. The next year five other States entered the list.

Wisconsin now leads in the number of associations, 81 being in operation in that State. Other leading States are Vermont with 47, New York with 43, Iowa and Ohio with 30 each, Minnesota with 26, and Pennsylvania with 24. During the year ending June 30, 1917, 96 new organizations were established.

Rotations Reduce Root Rot.

Root rot in cotton has been reduced by rotation of crops at the San Antonio Experiment Farm near San Antonio, Tex. A publication of the United States Department of Agriculture describing experiments at this farm in 1916 indicates clearly the value of rotation in the control of this disease in so far as it affects cotton.

On a plot that had been cropped continuously to cotton for eight years, 96.2 per cent of the plants had died from root rot by October 25, while on a plot in a three-year rotation of oats, cotton, and dwarf milo, only 2 per cent of the plants died from root rot. While experiments are to be continued and while the present knowledge of root rot and its control is not considered absolute, the result so far recommends rotation of crops and early preparation of land as an effective means of control.

Feed the soil potatoes to hogs. Cook the potatoes thoroughly and mix with corn meal, shorts, or bran. Skim milk is a good addition.

Poultry shavings should be washed clean and then dried. The undue use of water should be avoided, as moisture encourages molding.

The mixture of warm, fresh cream with cold cream is never advisable, as the whole mass is warmed thereby, and souring will follow more quickly.

Folks in some shiftless communities are said to exist by taking in one another's washing; thrifty communities, with a county agent leader, because more thrifty by going to school to teach each other and learning the

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Ohio Circuit Court.
Bettie Tichenor, Gdn., Plaintiff,
Vs.—Notice of sale
Nannie Tichenor, Defendant.

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale directed to me by the above styled court, at its November, 1917, term, for the purpose of support, maintenance and education of the defendant, and the payment of the costs of the above styled action, I will offer for sale at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder on a credit of six and twelve months, at the court house door in Hartford, Kentucky, on Monday, January 15th, 1918, it being regular County Court day, at about the hour of one o'clock p. m., the following described property, to-wit:

A tract of land situated in Ohio county, Kentucky, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stone in the center of the Hartford and Point Pleasant road; thence S. 3 W. 64 rods and 4 links to a stone, 3 links of a post oak, Nettie Bonnett's corner, in J. R. Boyd's line; thence with his line S. 88 E. 70 rods to a stone and white oak, his corner, on the Centertown and Ueda road; thence with said road N. 3 E. 5 1/2 rods to a stone, 20 links North of a beech; thence still with said road S. 87 E. 55 rods to a stone; thence N. 3 1/2 E. 10 rods and 15 links to a stone in the center of the Hartford and Point Pleasant road; thence with said road N. 70 W. 11 rods and 12 links thence N. 47 1/2 W. 44 rods; thence N. 30 W. 46 rods; thence N. 50 W. 14 rods; thence N. 75 W. 31 rods to the beginning, containing 34 acres more or less. This being a part of the same land conveyed to grantor by J. A. M. Clair and his wife by deed dated October 25, 1912, and recorded in Ohio County Clerk's office in book 44, page 42. Coal and mineral reserved.

The purchaser will be required to execute bond immediately after sale. Said bond to be approved by the Commissioner, and a lien will be retained as additional security.

Given under my hand this 18th day of December, 1917.

OTTO C. MARTIN,
Master Commissioner.
John B. Wilson, Attorney.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Ohio Circuit Court.
Parlin and Orendorf Plow Co., Plffs.,
Vs.—Notice of sale.

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Ohio Circuit Court in the above styled action at its November, 1917, term, for the purpose of paying the judgment of the plaintiff against the defendants amounting to \$71.10, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 26th day of May, 1915, until paid, and for the further purpose of paying all costs of this action and the costs of this sale, I will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest and best bidder at the Court House door in Hartford, Ky., on Monday, January 15th, 1918, it being regular County Court day, at about the hour of one o'clock p. m., upon a credit of six months, the following described property, to-wit:

"A certain lot or parcel of land lying in Ohio county, Kentucky, near the town of Beaver Dam, containing one acre more or less, and being part of the same land conveyed to J. W. Moseley on the 2nd day of July, 1904, by L. S. Smith, as shown by record in the office of the Ohio County Clerk, in deed book 29, page 110, and being the same lot recorded in deed from J. W. Moseley and wife to H. C. Cummins. This mortgage is subject to mortgage of R. L. Alford."

The purchaser will be required to execute bond immediately after sale which bond shall be approved by the Commissioner and a lien will be retained as additional security.

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MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Ohio Circuit Court.
C. W. Arnold, et al., Plaintiffs,
Vs.—Notice of sale.

Garfield Mullen, et al., Defendants.
By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Ohio Circuit Court

rendered at its November term, 1917, in the above styled action for the purpose of a sale and division of the proceeds among the joint owners of the land ordered sold herein, and the payment of the costs of this action together with the costs of this sale, I will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, at the court house door, in Hartford, Ky., on Monday, January 15th, 1918, it being regular County Court day, at about the hour of one o'clock p. m., upon a credit of six and twelve months, the following described property, to-wit:

"One certain lot consisting of about one-half acre in the village of White Run, Ohio county, Kentucky, and also a certain tract of land in Ohio county, Kentucky, on the waters of Cane Creek, containing 223 acres, more or less, and being the land conveyed by T. C. Shanks to Isaac Moulton, deceased, deed recorded in Book "C", page 463, Ohio County Court Clerk's office, and conveyed to the said Shanks by H. H. Wilson, deed recorded in Book "R", page 350, Ohio County Court Clerk's office. The conveyance to Shanks being for 223 acres, 100 acres of which he conveyed to Thos. Wilson and deeded to first party by Commissioner of the Ohio Circuit Court. A lien is hereby retained on this land to secure the first party in the file of said 100 acres and against any encumbrances whatever."

A lien will be retained to secure the interest of the infant defendants, Anthony Mullen and Dewey Mullen used the purchaser will retain their share of the purchase money until they arrive at legal age or until their guardian executes bond in this court. The purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved surety immediately after sale and a lien will be retained as additional security.

Given under my hand this 18th day of December, 1917.

OTTO C. MARTIN,
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CIRCUIT COURT.

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